

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2921

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an annual review by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission on geographic access to services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **SECTION 1. MEDPAC ANNUAL REVIEW OF GEOGRAPHIC AC-**
4 **CESS.**

5 Section 1805(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395b–6(b)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
8 graph (C);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
2 paragraph (D); and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraph:

5 “(E) by not later than July 15 of each
6 year (beginning with 2010), submit a report to
7 Congress containing an evaluation, by Medicare
8 administrative contractor area, of access to
9 care, quality of care, increases or decreases in
10 volume of services among such areas and the
11 potential effects of the Commission’s most re-
12 cent policy recommendations under subpara-
13 graphs (B) through (D) on access to care in
14 such areas.”.

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